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WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 2, 2006

The Commonwealth experienced mild weather conditions this week with very little rainfall. All areas are very dry. Average rainfall for the state was 0.12 inches, and the average temperature was 51 degrees. Days suitable for field work were 6.6. Dry conditions have slowed the development of hay fields and small grains. Some corn has been planted, while some producers are waiting for moisture levels to improve. Despite the lack of moisture, livestock appear to be healthy. Pasture and hay are falling behind in spring growth, and feed conditions are becoming a concern for livestock producers. Producers took advantage of the mild temperatures to complete field work and prepare for planting. Vegetable growers have been busy in the greenhouses, and tobacco farmers were busy this week bedding tobacco fields for the upcoming season. Other farm activities included calving and lambing, fence building and repair, litter and fertilizer spreading, and preparing for soybean planting.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
April 2, 2006	52	35	13	0

CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	16	40	32	11	1
Livestock	3	11	32	49	5
Other Hay	8	36	42	14	0
Alfalfa Hay	8	22	58	12	0
Winter Wheat	4	16	36	41	3
Barley	2	11	42	40	5
All Apples	0	0	6	94	0
Peaches	0	10	43	47	0
Grapes	0	1	42	57	0

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn Planted	4	NA	NA	NA
Tobacco Greenhouse Seeded	94	NA	NA	NA
Summer Potatoes Planted	99	NA	NA	NA

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WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	77	27	49	0	0.19	-0.43	2
Warrenton	77	30	53	6	0.08	-0.62	2
Winchester 7 SE	78	26	49	3	0.12	-0.58	2
Dale Enterprise	75	24	47	-2	0.31	-0.24	5
WESTERN							
Glasgow	79	27	51	1	0.23	-0.47	2
Roanoke AP	80	29	54	4	0.05	-0.72	1
Waynesboro	75	25	47	0	0.09	-0.54	2
Staunton AG	74	30	49	3	0.08	-0.55	2
CENTRAL							
Charlottesville	77	31	54	3	0.04	-0.73	2
Piedmont Res ST	78	33	53	5	0.00	-0.74	0
Bremo Bluff	82	25	52	3	0.12	-0.63	1
Richmond AP	82	36	56	4	0.06	-0.68	1
EASTERN							
Eastville	80	35	53	1	0.09	-0.70	2
Wallops Island	76	32	51	2	0.12	-0.62	3
Williamsburg	81	35	55	4	0.05	-0.65	1
Keysville	84	29	53	3	0.05	-0.74	1
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	74	24	46	0	0.02	-0.82	1
Wytheville	73	26	46	1	0.25	-0.38	2
Saltville	75	25	47	-2	0.16	-0.61	1
Richlands	73	25	47	5	0.15	-0.69	1
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	81	24	52	3	0.20	-0.78	2
Danville AG	84	30	53	0	0.03	-0.78	1
Chatham	82	23	50	0	0.07	-0.78	1
Martinsville	80	20	50	0	0.30	-0.56	4
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	81	36	54	2	0.06	-0.71	2
Oceana	81	34	54	1	0.08	-0.65	2
Emporia	82	31	52	1	0.12	-0.67	2
Newport News	82	33	55	3	0.15	-0.62	3

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.
Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.